Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* What would be the average per patient taking into consideration the establishment charges also?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It will be more. On account of the increased expenditure on dietary charges we have increased the allotment.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* It will come to 180 per patient.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* This year we have to pay a little more for dietary charges.

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph *(Narakkal):* Are not venerial diseased more infectious than leprosy.

Mr. President: That question does not arise.

ARTICLE IN THE "GOMATHI"—"TRAVANCORE POLICEMAN UNDER ARREST"

133. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Government has noted the article in the "Gomathi", page 2 of the issue, dated 6th July 1943 under the caption "തിരുവിതാംകൂർ പോലീസുകാരൻ അറസ്റ്റിൽ" (Travancore policeman under arrest)

(b) if so, will Government be pleased to inform the stage at which the case stands if a case has been registered already?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(a) Yes.

(b) A case has been registered already. It is under investigation.

PLACING OF THE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, Under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

S. No.	Head of Account	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1	17 (2) Sub-jails Diet of Prisoners	3,800	On account of the increased rate of diet charges and the increase in the number of prisoners this additional allotment had to be sanctioned urgently.
2	24. Public Health A2-charges for Prevention of Epidemics	15,000	The allotment had to be sanctioned urgently being an emergent item which could not be postponed.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

Rama Varmha Tmpuran *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under "17 (2) Jails—Miscellaneous". I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 700 under "16-C Criminal Justice—Contingencies—Refunds". I request the House may be pleased to vote this amount.

Demand put and carried

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 43,790 under "28-A Civil Engineering—Communications—Maintenance". Consequent on the very heavy tender increase in the maintenance of roads, it has been found impossible to limit the expenditure within the budget allotment for 1118. I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

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Demand put and carried

• **Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 22,195—14—3 "under 28-A Civil Engineering—Refunds". This amount is required for refunds in view of the decrease in the toll revenue on account of loss of traffic on roads due to petrol rationing and tyre rationing. I request that the House may be pleased to grant this allotment.

Demand put and carried

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 38,000 under "28 Public Works—I. O. V.". There was a provision of Rs. 13,000 for storing water in Mullur Kayal for the benefit of the Kole lands this year. The estimate of this 13,000 rupees was prepared at a time when the price of paddy was calculated at the rate of 7 annas per para. With the increase in the price of paddy the compensation payable to the land owners whose lands have been flooded on account of the storage is roughly estimated at 38,000 rupees. I request the House may be pleased to grant this amount.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Which is this portion? Is this the Mullur Kayal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. K. S. Pnicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Will this amount be sufficient.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It comes to about 40,000 rupees. But there is a saving of 2,000 rupees.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether it is not possible to avoid this scheme by raising the level of the water in the Enammakkal bund?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Perhaps. I may explain to the House the work done by us this year and the benefits derived from that work with regard to the kole cultivation. We store water over an area of about 700 acres to the depth of about 8 feet. As a result it was possible for us to reduce the water level in the Enamakkal lake by 1 foot. This gave considerable facilities for the drainage of water from the fields for purposes of cultivation and I estimated that the amount of time saved by reducing the level of water in the Enammakal lake was nearly 20 to 25 days and with the difficulty we had in getting Engines from Travancore this reduction of pumping time was a great boon to the cultivators of the kole lands. If this reduction in the level of water in the Enammakkal lake had not been made the operation of pumping would have prolonged by another 25 days and similarly the harvest would have so prolonged. On account of the very early rains this year the result of this prolongation of ours would have been much more disastrous than what it was this year. So that the effect of storing water in the Mullur Kayal and the consequent reduction in the level of water in the kole lands actually resulted in getting almost 80 per cent crop from the kole lands. The question now is whether we should do this work next year. From what I could see, if there are no rains during the next dry season, the chances are there will be considerable draught in the Kole lands next year and considering that we had rather untimely and abundant rains this year the chances are we may not have sufficient rain next year. That is only a forecast. From my experience and statistics I know that if there are rains during one dry season, there used to be draught in the next season. But if the water level in the kole lands is kept at the usual level then this storage may not be necessary. But the difficulty in getting pumps, bamboos and things like that will make it difficult for the ryots to cultivate their lands with increased pumping and bunding operations. This is a matter which is being considered by the Government and I cannot say a definite answer to this question.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* What is this 'I.O.V.'.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Irrigation Original—Votable.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether this was not the practice prior to the introduction of this scheme, to have the water-level at Enamakkal a foot or something higher and preserving the crops from draught. Was it not successful?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Provided you keep the water level in Enamakkal about 1 foot 6 inches high. It can be farely well said we can get through a crop safely even though there are no rains. But now the conditions of cultivations have altered. It has become difficult to get bamboos and alo it has become difficult to get pumping engines. So it is necessary in two ways. It is necessary to decrease the expenditure on cultivation on the one hand and also to decrease pumping time on the other. For these reasons it may not be advisable to keep the water level in the same manner as we used to keep previously.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* In view of what the Chief Engineer has

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stated, may I know whether the cost of bunding, pumping etc., will be more or less than 42,000 rupees.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is not only the question of funds. There is this difficulty of getting pumps. It is also necessary to see that the amount of pumping to be done is kept at a minimum.

Mr. President: There is also another point. It is an insurance against draught.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* This water storage is in the lower parts of the area. So it is not beneficial Water must be stored at a higher level.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* All these questions have been considered before selecting the area and Mullurkayal is one of the least productive of the kole lands.

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ഉണക്കംപറ്റാവുള്ളതു് ഉയർന്നഭാഗം നിലങ്ങൾക്കാണു്, ഏറ്റവും താണഭാഗം നിലത്തിൽ വെള്ളം കയറി നിൽക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് ഉണക്കം പറ്റാത്ത നിലങ്ങൾക്കു പ്രയോജനമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Water is taken even to higher lands. The kole lands are all in the lower area and the water storage in the Mullurkayal can be used almost for the entire area.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know why no allotment is made for the scheme for the next year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This question is under consideration. I was not able to decide exactly whether amount has to be allotted.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I bring to the notice of the Government that there are complaints against this Mullurkayal affair to the effect that a very few people profit by it and a very large number of small tenants are put to great difficulty? I would submit that these kole lands are cultivated by big capitalists whereas these lands are owned by a large number of tenants. The question of compensation apart, there is this real trouble there. I can make two suggestions for the information of the Hon'ble Member for Engineering. It may be difficult till the Mundakan crops are taken, that is, about the 10th or 15th of Dhanu and then the pumping can be had and water can be stored there. You get 20 to 25 days. That suggestion may kindly be considered. The other aspect is to store water in the Mundakan lands. No doubt, the kole lands will have a preference in as much as there were already 5 to 6 feet of water.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Pumping and storing water in Mundakan lands had been done in previous years. It has been our experience that the time which we get for pumping these lands will not be more than about 15 days and 15 days' time may not be enough to store sufficient water to give any real benefit to the kole lands. The amount of water which can be stored is so small—we can't spend money with commensurate benefits—and if there be any real draught the water in the mundakan lands will be so deficient in supplying all irrigation necessities. And, therefore, we thought that it may not be really useful for if storage is done only in the mundakan lands and the perculation and evaporation losses are so high that we get back about 50 or 60 per cent of the quantity stored. These are the difficulties to that proposal.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* On a point of information, Sir, ഏതു നിലയിൽ കണക്കാക്കീട്ടാണു് ൫,൦൦൦ ക. കൊടുക്കേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നു പറയുന്നതു്?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is the loss which they would be subjected to.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: മുണ്ടകകൃഷിക്കാരുടെ നഷ്ടം എത്രപറ നെല്ലുണ്ടാകുമെന്നാണു് ഗവൺമെണ്ടു കണക്കാക്കീട്ടുള്ളതു്?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Every paddy field does not yield the very same quantity. It depends upon the yield of each field.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ആവശ്യമില്ലാത്തതും പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു് ഉപദ്രവമുള്ളതുമായ ഈ സ്കീം മൂലം എത്ര ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലത്തു കൃഷി നശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്? അതിനു് ഏതുവിധത്തിൽ നഷ്ടം കൊടുക്കാനാണു് ഗവൺമെണ്ടു കണക്കാക്കീട്ടുള്ളതു്?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I have not got the exact figure. They are being worked out.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ഒരുലക്ഷത്തിൽപരം പറ നെല്ലിനുള്ള നിലം നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടിട്ടു് ഈ ൫൦,൦൦൦ ക. വെച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു് നഷ്ടം ഏതുവിധത്തിൽ കണക്കാക്കീട്ടാണു്?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Generally the pattam in these lands are two paras.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I am told that it will be 5 and 6 paras.

Demand put and carried

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,000 under "28 Public Works, Dearness Allowance". The dearness allowance now payable to the staff has been increased by two rupees. Formerly it was only two rupees. This amount is required to meet the increased expenditure on account of that. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer);* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,137 under "22-A—Leprosy Relief". I request that the House may be pleased to vote for the same.

Demand put and carried

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 5,286 under "22-1—Medical Proper—Dearness Allowance". I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 577 under "22-2—Mental Hospital—Dearness Allowance". I request the House to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I request that the House may be pleased to grant a transfer of Rs. 176 from "22-1—C.M.O." to "22-1—Dearness Allowance".

Demand put and carried

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I request that the House may be pleased to grant a transfer of Rs. 370 from "22-1—Civil Surgeon" to "22-1—Dearness Allowance".

Demand put and carried

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 6,217 under "11 (2)-Tramway—Dearness Allowance". I request that the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,55,249 under "38-Miscellaneous—2—Price Control Measures—A. Establishment". I request the House May be pleased to vote for the same.

Demand put and carried

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 8,872 under "38-Miscellaneous—Price Control Measures—Votable". I request that the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

At this stage the Hon'ble President left the Chair and the Hon'ble Deputy President presided.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—*(cont.)*

CUT MOTION No. 60

Provident Fund—Staff of Aided Schools

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I beg to move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 8,036 for Direction and Inspection by Re. 1. (To impress upon the Government the necessity of making applicable all the rules of the Provident Fund system applicable to Government servants to the permanent staff of aided educational institutions in the State without reducing the quota contributed by the Government to the Aided Teachers' Provident Fund at present).*

Sir, without much explanation, I hope the House can understand the implication of this motion. Even now there is an aided teachers' Provident Fund. A portion of this fund is to be contributed by the management, one portion by the teachers and the Government will also contribute a third portion. There are managers who really contribute their quota to the Provident Fund. There are managers also who do not contribute. But at the same time in certain schools the teachers contribute the quota on behalf of the management and realise the quota from the Government. This category of teachers is a sort of more intelligent and clever people, or rather teachers who are of the richer class. The larger number of the teachers who belong to the poorer class and managers who are not sufficiently rich as to pay their quota with the result that

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